

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Twenty men were killed by a premature blast of dynamite in a stone quarry operated by the Callanan Road Improvement Company near the village of South Bethlehem, eleven miles southwest of Albany, N. Y.

After a thoroughly successful trip up the river from New Orleans, the battleship Mississippi arrived at Donaldsonville, La., and cast anchor for a stay of two days. The whole population for miles around Donaldsonville lined the levee to get a view of the big man-of-war.

Dr. William Osler, in addressing the national anti-tuberculosis organization at Washington, said that consumption was no longer a problem for physicians, but that several generations would pass before the people were thoroughly aroused to the necessity of fighting the disease.

The grand jury at Cincinnati has indicted Charles Reichel and Frank Friedrich, Jr., Republican election officers, and John Carrigan and Frank Knolls, Democratic election officers, on the charge of "fraudulently writing in poll books."

Charles W. Caldwell, of Columbus, Ind., who recently gained notoriety by trying to bring suit to oust Secretary of State Knox, was shot by Augustus Remy, of Elizabethtown, Ind., who declares he found Caldwell in an arbor, where he had made a tryst with Remy's young daughter. Caldwell was wounded in the leg when arrested. His wife recently sued him for divorce.

The editor has never believed that the moon's phases had any influence on the growth of potatoes. The father of the writer made a great many experiments to see if there could be anything in the theory held by a great many intelligent farmers that potatoes should always be planted in the dark of the moon and that a rail fence should always be built in the light of the moon, and he came to the conclusion that there was nothing in it. Now comes the U. S. Agricultural Bureau and says that after exhaustive experiments in potato planting that, in season, one time is as good as another to put potatoes in the ground.—Flemingsburg T. D.

A shooting affray took place at Dryden, a village in Lee county, Va., in which two men were killed and one was wounded. The commencement exercises of the Dryden public school were being held in the second story of the school building and a card of admission was necessary to gain entrance. William Jesse, a merchant, aged about 30 years, was doorkeeper, and R. M. Young, aged about 28 years, and William Bailey, aged about 25 years, started to enter. Mr. Jesse asked them for their cards, and they falling, or refusing to comply, he would not permit them to go inside. One of the men then began to curse Jesse, who struck him. Then pistols were drawn by Young and Bailey, eight shots being fired. The light was put out, and it is supposed that both Young and Bailey thought they were firing on

Jesse, and instead were shooting at each other. Jesse, who was shot in the abdomen, is said to have had a pistol, but it was found to be loaded in every chamber, and it is not thought he fired. When the shooting was over and the people gathered around, Young and Bailey were dead, both having been hit through the heart. Young was a son of the Hon. Harvey Young, who represented Lee county in the House of Delegates for two terms, and was employed by the Federal Government in the Internal Revenue service. Bailey was a telegrapher and had only recently returned from the West. Jesse, it is thought, will recover.

Senator Bradley introduced an amendment to the tariff bill, which he believes will give relief to the tobacco growers.

Miss Caroline D. Steele, of Kentucky, has been appointed chief maid-of-honor for the Confederate reunion at Memphis.

The manufacturers of liquors and beer and the wholesale dealers are to test the laws recently passed by the Tennessee Legislature to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in that State.

With the fourth stage in the trip from the mouth of the river to Natchez successfully completed, the battleship Mississippi dropped anchor at Baton Rouge. A stop of three days will be made at Baton Rouge and then the journey to Natchez will be resumed.

"When I die have my body cremated and scatter the ashes from the highest point on the Miami County Courthouse," John W. Morris, ex-Mayor of Troy, former State Senator and a prominent Democrat, told his relatives a few weeks ago. Thursday morning Mr. Morris dropped dead on the public square. The body will be taken to Cincinnati for cremation and the ashes tossed from the dome of the \$500,000 structure which was secured for Troy through his efforts.

Cablegrams from Adana, Asiatic Turkey, say it is now believed the estimates of the number of Christians slain during the recent outbreaks have been exaggerated and that the aggregate will not exceed 10,000. Many of those who were supposed to have been slain are appearing at their homes or among the refugees who have flocked to the larger towns for relief.

On his death bed Elias B. Burns, 88 years old, of Gas City, Ind., heard his funeral sermon preached. After having been advised by his physician that he could live only a few hours more, Mr. Burns summoned his minister, the Rev. Henry Schwan, and forty of his friends, and neighbors and asked them to give him the satisfaction of attending his funeral service in his bedroom. Hymns were sung and Mr. Schwan preached a sermon after reading the eighth chapter of Romans. After the service the sick man seemed to linger, but later he lapsed into delirium.

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Biography of Wm. H. Dobbins.

He was born Nov. 9, 1840 in Lawrence county Ky. His early life was spent on his father's farm near Callup. He was of a romantic disposition and very fond of hunting. The dark hollows and fertile valleys with their giant oaks and tall pines seemed to welcome him in their midst. His home was with nature where the grapevines meander around the tall trees and the songs of the birds and the flutter of their wings could be heard as he sat on the bank of some stream where the willows bowed their heads and the swift current rushed their glittering crystals on to the waters of the deep. Thus in peace and happiness his youth passed swiftly by.

At the age of 21 he enlisted in the civil in Co. H., 14 Ky. V. L., 23 A. C. and was with Sherman in his celebrated march to the sea.

One of the first battles was fought May 14 and 15, 1864, at Resaca, Ga. Sherman sent McPherson to seize Resaca and cut off Johnston's supplies by railroad, but Johnston availed himself of this opportunity and placed his own army in this desirable position. Sherman with 50,000 troops, marched against Resaca and surrounded the north and west, but Johnston with 55,000 troops refused to leave his entrenchments and Sherman would not attack him. Finally an elevated position was gained and the railroad bridge across the Oostanaula river was destroyed Johnston seeing his critical condition retreated on the night of the 15th.

He then took position on Kennesaw Mountain. Sherman followed him closely with 100,000 Federal troops, and on the 17 of June, 1864, an assault was ordered by Sherman in which nearly 3,000 Federals were missing in killed and wounded.

His brave soldiers rushed up the hill only to fall into the jaws of death, and their cries and pangs of agony as related by the old soldier seemed to be greater than they were able to stand.

He also fought in the battles of Atlanta, Columbia, Peach tree Creek, Johnsonville, Middle Creek and many others.

Mr. Dobbins was honorably discharged at Louisa, Ky., Jan. 21, 1865, and returned to his home and has been a successful farmer until he met the terrible death which is told by the ones who found him as follows.

On Sunday, April 19, some one had set the woods on fire, and it being near Mr. Dobbins' fence, he told his wife that he would go up and see about it. She ran up after Mr. Glickerson and some friends to help extinguish the fire. They came down and went to fighting and worked about two hours, becoming afraid that something had happened to the old gentleman, Mr. Glickerson set out in search for him. On going about fifty yards from where he had been working his eyes were cast on one of the saddest scenes that he had ever witnessed. That old gentleman was lying upon his face, burned to death, without a stitch of clothes or garment to testify in his behalf. He had only been working about twenty minutes when it was thought by some way his clothes caught fire and he had run about thirty yards from where he had been working and had fallen down upon his face to die.

When we beheld the scene our mind went back in the twilight of American history. We thought of the savage Indians lashing his captors to the stake and torturing them in the most barbarous way that could be done.

Many tears of affection were shed around his body by loved ones as they looked upon his cold form which had been a few hours before in the bloom of health.

In conclusion we will say that he offered his life for his country and his foot prints still remain upon Kennesaw's bloody mountain, and his weary march to the sea will be remembered as long as history is recorded. Then let us hope that the omnipotent God who holds the destiny of the Universe and planets in their flying course through space has granted him permission to enter that fair land where the war cry is heard no more and the blazing fire is forever quenched.

The development of about 16,000,000 feet of white pine, oak and poplar timber in West Virginia, according to recent reports, will soon be undertaken by W. A. Pedigo of Roanoke, Va., for the Crimmon Springs Lumber Co. of Marshall, Min., which owns a tract of nearly 6000 acres near Crimmon Springs. It is stated that Mr. Pedigo will erect on Turkey Creek a band mill of 20,000 feet daily capacity, lathe mill, etc., to be ready for operation within a few weeks. The product will be shipped from Peters Mountain, on the Potts Valley Branch of the Norfolk & Western Railway.

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Huntington, W. Va., May 14.—Friday, June 18, is the day scheduled for a double hanging to take place at the state penitentiary, over which Joseph E. Mathews, of this city, is Warden. Isaac N. Yates, white, and Arthur Brown, colored, are the men who will pay the maximum penalty for their crimes. Both are from McDowell county. Yates was sentenced about ten days ago for committing a heinous assault on his 16-year-old daughter, and Brown received the same sentence on a charge of murder. The amount of Yates' terrible crime is still fresh in the mind of the public. When the case was put in the hands of the jury it took them eight minutes to return with a verdict of guilty. Ten minutes later the judge had pronounced the sentence that condemned Yates to the gallows. Brown and an accomplice named Joe Davis, colored, were charged with the murder of John B. Brooks, also colored. The evidence showed Brown to be the leading spirit in the crime and when a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was returned, hanging was the penalty prescribed. Davis was tried shortly after and found guilty in the first degree, but was let off with life imprisonment.

The Worshipful Master of Wayne Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M., has asked us to make mention of the fact that the Masonic election this year will be held on the 25th of this month, instead of in June as is usually the case. Take due notice thereof and govern your selves accordingly.

According to authentic reports, the largest apple tree in this section of the state, if not in the world at large, is still growing on the farm of Mrs. Martha E. Stone, on the Falls of Rough Road, two and a half miles this side of Leitchfield. The tree trunk was recently found by actual measurement to be eleven feet two inches in circumference.—Hopkinsville Independent.

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